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PCs investigate nomination race over bribery allegation

Edmonton-Ellerslie. Sworn statements allege incumbent tried to induce challenger's supporters to undermine candidacy

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The Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PCAA) is investigating irregularities in the nomination process of an Edmonton constituency amid allegations that the incumbent MLA attempted to mislead a challenger's supporters and offer a bribe through a proxy in order to undermine the challenger's campaign.

On Monday, Metro confirmed an ongoing probe by the PCAA into the nomination process in Edmonton-Ellerslie, currently held by

Naresh Bhardwaj.

Metro made repeated attempts to contact Bhardwaj, the associate minister for persons with disabilities, including asking him in person at the Alberta Legislature Wednesday to respond and supplying him with a written list of questions regarding the allegations, but he would only say: "I think anything related to the nomination should be directed to Kelley Charlebois." Charlebois is the PC party's executive director.

The allegations against Bhardwaj stem from Edmonton-Ellerslie challenger Balraj Manhas' claim that he was called just days before the Feb. 21 nomination ballot and told by riding committee representatives to withdraw or be publicly disqualified on the basis that his nomination papers were invalid.

Metro has spoken to two of Manhas' supporters and received copies of their notarized statements. They



Edmonton-Ellerslie PC MLA Naresh Bhardwaj. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

claim Bhardwaj or others acting on his behalf attempted to have them sign pre-drafted affidavits claiming their names had improperly appeared on the challenger's nomination papers.

In one instance, Balbir Sidhu claims he was offered a \$10,000 bribe paid either

in Canada or in India by others working on Bhardwaj's behalf in exchange for claiming his signature and those of other family members should not have been on Manhas' papers.

Sidhu said he outright refused.

"I thought, 'Why would

he do this?'" Sidhu said in an interview Tuesday. "Whatever the public wants for this area is supposed to be what happens."

Bhardwaj remained in a nearby car while the conversation with the proxy took place, Sidhu said.

In the other instance, Bilal Ali claims his family was approached late at night by three men, including Bhardwaj, and told to sign a document that he initially believed was to confirm their support for Manhas. It was only later, Ali said Tuesday, that he realized his signature was being used to run Manhas out of the race.

Ali said in an interview that three other members of his family had also supported Manhas and all signed the document allegedly offered by Bhardwaj.

None of the aforementioned allegations have been proven.

PC party representatives refused to delve into the spe-

cifics of their ongoing investigation Tuesday and again Wednesday, even after being informed of Metro's possession of the documents.

A spokesperson said Wednesday the party "confirms that there are many layers to this investigation" but declined to speak in further detail.

Instead, the party referred to comments made Monday when Metro first reported about potential issues with the nomination race.

At that time, Charlebois would only say that the party was looking into the race.

"The whole matter is still considered under review by the party," he said.

Sidhu, meanwhile, said he hopes for a fulsome investigation.

In his sworn statement, he directly addressed Premier Jim Prentice.

"For God Sake Jim, please save Alberta from such corrupt inducements or bribes," Sidhu wrote.

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Catholics are ready to 'work' with new Bill 10

Gay-straight alliances. Alberta school boards are prepared to work within the new LGBTQ-centric policy to guide student advocacy



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The day after the province approved new legislation to ensure gay-straight alliances can be started at any Alberta school, the Catholic school authority responded — they're "willing to work" with it.

After a series of back and forths between the province and the Alberta Catholic School Trustee's Association over Bill 10 — legislation that provides LGBTQ students an avenue to start advocacy clubs — MLAs approved an amended version of the bill on Tuesday.

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association president Tony Sykora said the amended version of the bill is closer in line with what Catholic schools already do.

"Our mission is to ensure every child, every human being that comes to Catholic schools is treated with respect, is welcome, is made to feel safe in our school buildings," he said.

While the organization said the new bill allows the "flexibility" for boards to re-

spond to student requests, Metro obtained a leaked document from ACSTA in February that detailed legislation to support gay-straight alliances would intrude on the organization's rights.

The memo outlined a series of historical developments and position statements that use the provincial Education Act as evidence.

"The Alberta Act clearly delineates responsibilities of the various levels of government," read one portion. "Intruding on these rights is a slippery slope and diminishes the roles and responsibilities of trustees."

While ACSTA is ready to work with the new bill, the association released a policy guide for schools to support student advocacy.

The LIFE Framework set out ways students can form support groups and "be open from a Catholic perspective to (the) exploration of a variety of issues, including sexual orientation, gender identity, bullying, discrimination, justice, and respectful relationships and language."

The framework also stipulates that parents will be informed when their children wish to join a group that focuses on issues related to sexuality or sexual orientation.

Sykora called it a legal requirement for teachers to inform parents on issues pertaining to sexuality that happen in school.

On behalf of the Archdio-



Father Stephen Penna spoke with media on behalf of the Catholic Archdioceses of Edmonton on Wednesday, a day after Bill 10 was approved by MLAs. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

ceses of Edmonton, Father Stephen Penna said the original legislation was too focused on a particular group.

The amended Bill 10, he noted, allows Catholic schools to support children dealing with a number of different issues.

"Let's be clear about this," he said. "This is not a 'we'll hold our nose and put up with this legislation.'"

WITH FILES FROM JEREMY NOLAIS

LGBTQ rights

Calgary MLA Christine Cusanelli said Bill 10 provides further legal backing to students to access GSAs.

- Public demand. "Now, it is going to be up to principals to understand that we have another layer of legislation that says this is what the

public desires and ... I think our principals understand — and I think Albertans understand — that it's time to move towards ensuring that the LGBTQ community are enfolded within this community, as a natural part of everything we do in life," she said.

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Big race a 'great story' for city



An aerial view shows the twisty Crashed Ice track in the river valley, which athletes will have an opportunity to test starting Thursday. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO EDMONTON

Red Bull Crashed Ice. Extreme downhill skating sport seen as ideal to boost tourism



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Edmonton Tourism and Red Bull Crashed Ice saw the city and the event as a match made in heaven when they worked to bring it here last year.

Racers will start heading down the course Thursday, but the work to bring them here started a long time ago.

Maggie Davison of Edmonton Tourism said the event has been on their radar for several years and they saw a lot of upside to bringing it to the city.

"It ticks a lot of boxes for us. It's a new event and one that will attract regional visitors for sure, but because of the broadcast and the

fact it is televised, it actually serves as a great story," she said.

Davison said as part of their effort to boost tourism, they are trying to promote more reasons for people to come to the city.

"We really want to try and get events every weekend of the year, so we call that our 52 fish hooks," she said.

"The focus this year has really been to attract more winter events to fill the calendar, so an event like Red Bull really fit."

Neither side would say who approached who about bringing the event to Edmonton, but Christian Papillon, the Crashed Ice sports director, said the city is a perfect fit.

"When you look at Edmonton, it's a hockey city and winter city too, so it make sense population-wise," he said.

Papillon said the river valley location of the track is meant to reflect the city.

"What I am trying to cre-

ate is a track that gets the soul of the location," he said.

He said he's confident that Edmontonians will fully be in love with Crashed Ice.

"They will just get crazy about the sport. It's something that they will embrace," he said.

Crashed Ice

The city is contributing \$400,000 to the event, with the province committing \$300,000, Travel Alberta contributing \$100,000 and local hotels chipping in \$200,000.

- Races get underway Friday with a team challenge and an elimination round, but the main event takes place Saturday evening between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

- Admission to the event is free.

Denis will back bill targeting distracted driving

Alberta's justice minister is standing behind a private member's bill that would add demerit points and increase the current fines for distracted driving.

Jonathan Denis announced Wednesday he would be supporting Bill 204, a private member's bill introduced by Calgary MLA Moe Amery.

"We could all use to improve our driving habits and I am really hoping we can move forward with Bill 204," said Denis. "This has a real

impact on people's lives and people's safety."

Amery's bill proposes drivers would see a distracted driving ticket come with three demerit points and also raise the fine to \$250.

Denis said the vote next week on Amery's bill will be a free vote, but he will encourage MLAs to support it.

"A lot of governments members believe it's time that we do this. We are now the only province that does not have distracted driving

demerits," he said. "It's simple time."

Denis made the comments after meeting with a young woman, Renaye Wade, who suffered a brain injury following a traffic accident nearly two years ago.

Wade hopes the legislation will encourage drivers to put their phones down and concentrate on the road.

"They just think they're too good to have something as bad as what happened to me happen to them," she said.

Edmonton police Chief Rod Knecht has long advocated for the demerit points to be added to the legislation, but was unavailable for comment on Wednesday.

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By the numbers

\$250

The new proposed fine for distracted driving would be \$250, if the bill passes.



Alberta Justice Minister Jonathan Denis will support Bill 204. METRO FILE



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About \$120 million worth of repairs needed to fix alleyways: City official



Repairs to the city's alleyways are pegged at around \$120 million, with about 600 kilometres of the city's alley network needing work. METRO FILE

Infrastructure. City needs funding plan to get work done, says administration



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It's not just city roads that are speckled with deep holes in the asphalt; the city's alleyways are also in desperate need of a spring fill-up.

According to city administration, about 600 kilometres of alleys in the city need an upgrade and there's just not enough dollars to get around to all of the back streets.

"There's about \$120 million worth of renewal needed.... It's a question of how you want to tackle it,"

At a glance

- About 30 per cent of the city's pothole budget is being used to fix alleys.
- The alleyways are not currently part of the city's Neighbourhood Renewal program, which was presented as one option to ensure funding.
- The potholes in back alleys were brought up by Coun. Andrew Knack.

"We need to get alleys into a renewal cycle now," said Dunford.

About 60 per cent of the city's alleys need some degree of repair, after about \$2 million was spent last year filling potholes in back alleys, according to city information.

Coun. Andrew Knack said people have complained to him about the reporting process itself when it comes to back alleys, with no follow-through or "specific timelines" from the city once a pothole complaint is sent in.

"We're setting more aggressive targets to repair potholes in alleys and we're setting targets to communicate more clearly to citizens," said Dunford.

City administration will be back in November with options on how best to address potholes in back alleys.

said Bob Dunford to a city-council committee on Wednesday.

City officials argued that if there's a specific financial plan to address repairs for back alleys, it could mean the road holes get filled quicker.

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Health. New funding for ERs, care beds promised

More than \$50 million will be injected into Edmonton and Calgary hospitals to renovate emergency rooms in an effort to increase capacity.

In Edmonton, the Misericordia, Grey Nuns and Royal Alexandra hospitals will receive renovations to emergency rooms, as will Peter Lougheed Centre and South Health Campus in Calgary.

Health Minister Stephen Mandel announced the funding Wednesday, along with the creation of 311 new restorative care beds in both cities in an effort to improve long-term care in the province.

"Keeping patients too long in hospitals is not good for the patient and is not good for the system," Mandel said.

"They no longer have acute needs but they have restorative needs and require more (service) tailored to individual care."

With seniors spending too much time in hospital, Mandel said the entire health-

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"Keeping patients too long in hospitals is not good for the patient and is not good for the system."

Health Minister Stephen Mandel

care system gets backed up.

"We need to look at an alternative way to move people through the system, and this is an option," he said.

New changes to the Health Professions Act coming this summer will also see paramedics do more for patients, said Alberta Health Services CEO Vickie Kaminiski.

With the expanded scope, fewer non-emergency calls will be diverted from taking up precious emergency-room space, she noted.

"This is a response to the EMS (workers) coming forward and saying, 'We can do a lot more. We need to be allowed to do this,'" Kaminski explained.

LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

What to expect when you're ... facing brain surgery

Books. Family-friendly tome the brainchild of three Stollery Hospital patients' moms

There's a saying that "if you want something done, ask a busy person." Busy moms Wendy Beaudoin, Melissa Da Silva and Melody Willier fit that bill as the mothers of pediatric neurosurgical patients at the Stollery Children's Hospital. They've written a new book to help families deal with the realities of brain surgery.

The Compass, a guide filled with real-life stories of coping from parents and patients, also explains medical terminology for brain and spinal-cord injuries, how to navigate the hospital and even tips on where to host a wheelchair-friendly birthday party in the city.

"I can't count the number of birthdays we've had in ICU waiting rooms," said co-author



Wendy Beaudoin and daughter Olivia, 11, have been part of the Stollery family for years, facing Olivia's nearly 40 brain and spine surgeries. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Wendy Beaudoin, a nurse practitioner at the Stollery whose 11-year-old daughter Olivia was born at 26 weeks and has had nearly 40 brain and spinal surgeries since a brain bleed shortly after her birth.

"When you've been up all night in the emergency room and you're handed a basket of pamphlets — it can be overwhelming. The book is meant to help families deal with their

journey in hospital."

Dr. Vivek Mehta, the Stollery's divisional director of pediatric neurosurgery, contributed the medical information in the book but said it's the moms who have done all the heavy lifting.

"It speaks to the holistic, family-centred care we aim for. It's a unique project that's never been done in neurosurgery in Canada," said Mehta.

By the numbers

- Each year, about 1,500 children are treated at the Stollery pediatric neurology program for brain injuries or illnesses. Some 275 pediatric neurosurgeries were performed there last year.
- About 300 copies of The Compass are being printed for existing and new patients over the next three years.

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Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary and IWK Health Centre in Halifax are already adapting the book for their hospitals. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

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Transit. 'Quiet Zones' not in the works, say officials

Transit riders looking to get some peace and quiet on public transit will have to wait a little longer as both Edmonton Transit and Strathcona County transit officials say "Quiet Zones" aren't needed in Edmonton.

The comments from local officials come after GO Transit in Toronto said it is considering adding no-talking zones to its bus fleet in addition to the Quiet Zones it already has on commuter trains.

During rush hours, the upper levels of GO coaches are considered Quiet Zones, where people are discouraged from talking on their cellphones or to each other, with short conversations allowed.

A City of Edmonton representative says the system here is "very different" and that "they're not considering it here at all."

Officials from Strathcona County, which operates double-decker buses that travel to and from Edmonton, added continuously loud clients have not been an issue yet, but noted



Quiet areas where people can relax aren't being considered for Edmonton or Strathcona County, say officials. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

their transit system asks clients to be considerate of fellow passengers.

"We do promote to all customers to be courteous commuters and to keep conversations and music down," said Forest Yang, manager of planning and customer service with Strathcona County. "If in the future we do hear that it's a problem, we'll look into it."

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO, WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Tyler Ludwig, president of the Concordia Students' Association, is seeking U-Pass transit passes for students to make the city more accessible and less expensive. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

Concordia looking to hop aboard U-Pass bus

Crime

Fatal shooting ruled a homicide after autopsy

The recent death of a 33-year-old man has been classified as a homicide following an autopsy done by the medical examiner's office Tuesday.

Police said in a release that Mohamed Ahmed Adam died of gunshot wounds.

His body was found on Monday, in an alley behind a restaurant near 12520-118 Ave.

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Crime

University of Alberta teepee poles vandalized

University of Alberta faculty and administration are speaking out after teepee poles on campus were vandalized over the weekend.

On March 7 and 8, teepee poles set up by the U of A's faculty of native studies were wrapped in toilet paper and tied up with vinyl flag tape.

Campus Protective Services and EPS were both notified for an investigation. METRO

Transportation.

Students set to vote on reduced transit rates

By the numbers

200

There are about 200 Concordia students who buy their transit pass from the school's bookstore, said Ludwig.

Concordia University of Alberta students want to be part of the plan that most post-secondary students are already a part of: the U-Pass system.

Students will vote next week to decide if they want to actively seek out a partnership with the city so students can hop aboard Edmonton Transit at a reduced rate, which is something the Concordia Stu-

dents' Association executive has heard a lot of support for so far.

"Quite early throughout the fall semester there's various student groups that want the U-Pass. Graduates, undergraduates, even the admin said this has been a barrier for us since

potential students turn Concordia down once they find out we don't have a U-Pass," said Tyler Ludwig, president of the Concordia Students' Association.

NAIT, the University of Alberta, MacEwan University and NorQuest College are currently the post-secondary schools part of the U-Pass program, which allows students unlimited travel on regular ETS service, including travel in the region via St. Albert and Strathcona County transit.

The issue has gone to vote with Concordia students in the past, but received only 55 per

cent approval, which is below the two-thirds vote needed to proceed.

Ludwig initially didn't see the need to get the U-Pass for Concordia students, but talks with undergrads and graduates changed his mind.

"After being approached by various groups and undergrad students, I realized that this is beneficial and even I could use this. It's something we should have," said Ludwig.

The agreement with ETS would mean students would pay an additional \$162.50 per term for the universal transit pass.

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Credit cards will no longer be a payment option for MacEwan University students as the institute tries to reduce costs in the face of potential budget cuts. METRO FILE

MacEwan removes credit as pay option

Education. Budget cuts claim credit cards as tuition payment option, affecting 9,000 full-time students who used them last year

Quoted

"At the end of the day, this isn't a step forward for students. This is a step back."

Cam McCoy, MacEwan student association president

Looking ahead

The university is putting together plans for a five per cent funding cut from the province next year.



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Paying for tuition will no longer be as easy as a swipe of the credit card for MacEwan students, as the university moves to kill the option in the face of expected budget cuts.

MacEwan University president David Atkinson said the post-secondary institute was one of the few left in Canada that accepted the form of payment for tuition, but the service could no longer be justified.

"If we eliminate the use

of credit cards, we'll save \$600,000 per year," Atkinson told Metro on Wednesday.

The decision is effective as of July 1.

"The point is we know we're going into a difficult budget year, and so if we're going to do something like this, we have to give people notice," Atkinson noted. "We're bringing ourselves on side with everyone else."

Atkinson said he expects to hear from some students on the change, but there are a number of other ways students can pay for tuition.

"This was just a matter of convenience," he said, noting

credit cards were probably most convenient for parents paying for student tuition.

Last year, more than 9,000 students — roughly half of the school's full-time student population — used their credit cards to pay for tuition and related fees at MacEwan.

MacEwan University student association president Cam McCoy said the decision is going to be tough to swallow for a lot of students.

"I see students being disappointed with (the decision)," he said. "I know the university will look into other options, but at the end of the day this isn't a step forward for students. This is a step back."

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Health. MLA calling for mandatory vaccinations

Amid lingering fears of another measles outbreak, the interim leader of Alberta's Liberal Party is calling for mandatory vaccinations for children who are attending school.

David Swann, MLA for Calgary-Mountain View, made the call for such rules directly to Education Minister Gordon Dirks and Health Minister Stephen Mandel during the legislative session Wednesday.

He noted three Canadian provinces and all 50 U.S. states have already made vaccination records mandatory for kids attending public schools.

"It's a growing trend where people seem to be concerned about the safety of vaccines and not concerned about the disease.... We're getting more and more outbreaks," he said, noting there are potentially

fatal consequences as well as "tremendous costs" when widespread cases of measles and other diseases are seen.

Alberta did declare a full-fledged measles outbreak last year and a similar scenario has played out in California more recently.

An Angus Reid poll published in February found parents support mandatory vaccinations for school children by a ratio of four to one.

In a statement Wednesday, Dirks said he's "strongly supportive" of vaccinations, but added there are no current plans to make school enrolment conditional on a children receiving their shots. "I may want to have discussions about this with school boards some time in the future," he said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Quoted

"It's a growing trend where people seem to be concerned about the safety of vaccines and not concerned about the disease.... We're getting more and more outbreaks." David Swann, MLA for Calgary-Mountain View

Craving culinary creations?

Food. Downtown Dining Week celebrates fine cuisine in city core

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There's a definite buzz around Edmonton's thriving food scene. From Range Road recently being named one of Canada's best new restaurants, to last month's first-ever local win for chef Ryan O'Flynn and his team from The Westin, it's a great time to showcase the city's best and brightest chefs and eateries at Downtown Dining Week (DTDW).

How does Alberta Angus striploin steak with red wine infused mushrooms sound? Maybe a truffle mac 'n' cheese, or pear spring rolls with roasted butternut squash ice cream? Downtown Business Association marketing manager Katherine Hoy calls DTDW a great opportunity for food lovers to sample inspiring dishes, and for talented chefs and restaurateurs to toot their own horns.



Chef/owner of Pazzo Pazzo James Burns shows off the Penne Pazzo, part of his restaurant's special menu for Downtown Dining Week, March 13-22.

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- The Downtown Business Association's 12th annual dining celebration runs March 13-22 at over 30 spots, including Blue Plate Diner, Hardware Grill, La Ronde and Old Spaghetti Factory. A full list is at edmontondowntown.com.
- Dozens of multi-course meals are offered: Lunches for \$15, dinners for \$28 or executive dinners for \$48.

Chef Paul Shufelt of Century Hospitality Group said he loves the changes he's seen downtown since coming to the city in 2003.

"I used to say you could throw a bowling ball down Jasper Avenue on a Friday at 5 p.m. and not hit anyone. That has changed," said Shufelt, whose LUX Steakhouse in Commerce Place will feature an executive dinner for DTDW. "Edmonton is on the food map now — we're recognized nationally."

She said the city's downtown has established itself as "the dining district in Edmonton."

James Burns, chef and owner at Pazzo Pazzo Italian Cuisine on 103 Ave., said DTDW is a chance to attract new customers and be part of the vibrant downtown scene.

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"The coming arena is already creating a lot of excitement — my new lounge is overflowing on weekends, so this event is not only a good deal for customers, it's good business for me," he said.

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Military pallbearers from the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command carry the flag-draped casket of Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron on Tuesday at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Trenton, Ont. Doiron was killed in a friendly fire incident in Iraq last Friday. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Troop deployment to Iraq won't grow: Defence Minister

Military. Government says no plans to send more soldiers, but mum on whether mission profile could change

decision is taken and we will certainly report it to Parliament in the form of a motion," Kenney said in answer to a question from NDP defence critic Jack Harris. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The Harper government isn't planning to increase the size of its special forces contingent in northern Iraq if Canada's combat mission in the country is extended, Defence Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

There has been a flurry of speculation about how the deployment might be restructured as the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant evolves and local forces conduct further offensives to drive extremists out of the country.

Kenney may have been able to rule out more troops, but he was more circumspect about whether the scope of operations — limited so far to advising and assisting Kurdish peshmerga forces — will change.

"The government has not yet taken a final decision on potential renewal or extension of the mission, and so I'll have to ask the member to wait until that

Details

Kenney told the defence committee the air campaign has been effective to the point where extremists are shifting heavy weapons out of Iraq to Syria, which has not been the subject of as intense bombardment by the coalition.

- On Monday, CF-18s dropped laser-guided bombs on a series of enemy staging areas and fighting positions west of Kirkuk. The day before, another mission saw two ammunition depots near Haditha blown up by precision-guided strikes.
- And on Saturday, the jets attacked enemy trenches south of Kirkuk, where Kurdish peshmerga forces have been fighting a prolonged battle against Islamic State militants.

Levant to testify at Duffy's fraud-bribery trial

Ezra Levant and Sen. Mike Duffy have appeared on each other's talk shows over the years - now they'll both be featured in one of the year's most-watched courtroom dramas.

Levant, the provocative political commentator formerly of Sun News, has been subpoenaed to testify at Duffy's upcoming fraud and bribery trial.

Levant confirmed to The Canadian Press that he's been summoned as a Crown witness for the case that begins in an

Ottawa court April 7.

Levant, also a lawyer and columnist, said he wrote "a couple" of speeches for Duffy five or six years ago. He declined to comment on the subject matter of the speeches.

Duffy is facing 31 charges of fraud, breach of trust and bribery. The Mounties described one series of breach of trust charges as relating to "the awarding of consulting contracts over a four-year period, and subsequently using part

of the funds from those contracts for personal gain or for expenses which circumvent Senate oversight."

It is unclear, however, how Levant's work for Duffy fits into the Crown's case. His name has not appeared in any court documents related to the Duffy trial, unlike those of other contractors.

When Levant is scheduled to appear in court is also unknown. The trial is expected to start with a lengthy exam-

ination of Senate finance rules and paperwork.

Before Levant began work as a talk-show host on the Sun News network, he appeared a handful of times on Duffy's own political panel on CTV News. Duffy was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in January 2009, and appeared on a number of occasions in that capacity on Levant's Sun News program "The Source."

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Hearing at risk for Lac-Mégantic train driver: Lawyer

Former Montreal Maine and Atlantic Railway Ltd. employees Tom Harding, right, Jean Demaître, centre, and Richard Labrie are escorted by police to appear in court in Lac-Mégantic, Que., on May 13, 2014. The lawyer for Harding, the train driver charged in the deadly Lac-Mégantic disaster, says Crown prosecutors are seeking to prevent his client from having a preliminary inquiry. The three men are each facing 47 counts of criminal negligence causing death — one for each victim of the July 2013 oil-train derailment. A conviction carries a maximum life sentence. Last May, the three men each posted \$15,000 bail after appearing in a Lac-Mégantic courtroom.

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Pakistani man accused of terror plot in Toronto

Investigation.

Jahanzeb Malik is suspected of plotting to blow up the U.S. consulate and other buildings

A Pakistani man Canadian authorities suspect of plotting to blow up the U.S. consulate and buildings in Toronto's financial district and videotape the attacks was ordered kept in custody on Wednesday pending deportation.

Jahanzeb Malik, who came to Canada as a student in 2004, was ordered detained on "security grounds" following a hearing before the Immigration and Refugee Board. The Canada Border Services Agency arrested Malik, 33, on Monday in Toronto

following a lengthy investigation by Canadian security and anti-terrorism personnel, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said in Ottawa.

At the hearing Wednesday, Jessica Lourenco, a lawyer for the immigration minister, said an undercover RCMP officer befriended Malik.

"Malik attempted to radicalize the undercover officer by showing him videos apparently of (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) beheadings," Lourenco alleged.

"He told the undercover officer about his plan to build remote-controlled bombs to blow up the U.S. consulate and other buildings in the financial district of Toronto."

Lourenco accused Malik, who has travelled frequently between Canada and Pakistan, of planning to videotape the bombings to encourage others to carry out similar

Charges

Malik, who faces no criminal charges, appeared via video conference from jail.

- It remains unclear why Canadian authorities are moving to deport Malik rather than charge him criminally, as they did, for example, in the case of two foreign nationals accused of plotting to blow up a passenger train.

attacks.

Canadian authorities allege Malik to be a self-proclaimed supporter of the Islamic State who also claims to be a "personal friend" of American Anwar Al-Awlaki, a top-ranking member of the terrorist organization al-Qaida who was killed in

Yemen by a U.S. drone strike.

They also say he has taken "weapons, combat and landmine training" in Libya.

In opting to keep him in custody, the board member presiding over the hearing determined Malik, a permanent resident since 2009, to be a flight risk and a public danger. In opting to keep him in custody, the board member presiding over the hearing determined Malik, a permanent resident since 2009, to be a flight risk and a public danger.

The border agency said it expected more information because the investigation was still ongoing.

Blaney refused to comment on "operational matters" but said the RCMP had made it clear it believes Malik was "willing to commit a terrorist attack on Canadian soil." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Citizenship ceremonies

Clement backs PM on niqab ban

Federal Conservatives scrambled Wednesday to clarify that their aversion to Muslim women wearing the niqab applies strictly to citizenship ceremonies.

But they struggled to

explain why wearing the face-covering veil is no big deal in other spheres of life, including the federal public service, if — as Prime Minister Stephen Harper maintains — it's contrary to Canadian values and "rooted in a culture that is anti-women."

"That is what the prime minister said and that is a point of view that one can

hold," said Treasury Board President Tony Clement, who is responsible for federal civil service.

"That doesn't mean that you can impose that view in the workplace or in the private sphere."

Transport Minister Lisa Raitt, who described herself as a "strong feminist," candidly admitted she's given

no thought to the issue of wearing niqabs in venues other than citizenship ceremonies.

Others, including International Development Minister Christian Paradis, cast the issue strictly as a matter of requiring would-be citizens to identify themselves when taking the oath.

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Ferguson. Chief resigns after scathing report

The police chief in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Mo., resigned Wednesday in the wake of a scathing Justice Department report prompted by the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

The city said in a statement it reached a mutual separation agreement with Chief Thomas Jackson, who will get a severance payment and health insurance for a year. Lt. Col. Al Eickhoff will become acting chief March 19 while the city searches for a replacement.

Jackson had previously resisted calls by protesters and some of Missouri's top elected leaders to step down over his handling of the August shooting of Michael Brown and the weeks of sometimes-violent protests that followed.

Several messages left with Mayor James Knowles III and Jackson were not returned.

Jackson told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he felt it was time for the city to move on. "I believe this is the appropriate thing to do at this time."

Jackson becomes the sixth

Widespread criticism

- Jackson oversaw the Ferguson force for nearly five years before the shooting that stirred months of unrest across the St. Louis region and drew global attention to the predominantly black city of 21,000.
- His handling of the situation drew wide criticism from the outset, both for the aggressive police response to protesters and for his agency's erratic and infrequent releases of key information.

employee to resign or be fired after the U.S. Department of Justice last week issued a report that cleared Officer Darren Wilson of civil rights charges in the shooting but found a profit-driven court system and widespread racial bias in the city police department.

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Iraqi soldiers sweep into ISIL-held city of Tikrit



In this image taken from video, a soldier fires from behind a building in Tikrit, Iraq, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq. Allied militiamen breach one of extremists' key strongholds

Iraqi soldiers and allied Shiite militiamen launched a two-front offensive in the ISIL-held city of Tikrit on Wednesday to squeeze extremists out of Saddam Hussein's hometown.

Explosions and heavy gunfire echoed through Tikrit, a key way station for Iraqi forces trying to expel the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, who hold roughly a third of the country and neighbouring Syria. The offensive also will serve as a major crucible for Iraqi forces, which collapsed under the extremists' initial offensive last year and now face street-by-street fighting in one of ISIL's biggest strongholds.

Allied Iraqi forces first entered the city through its northern Qadisiyya neighbourhood, according to video obtained by The Associated Press.

Strategic move

- Taking Tikrit would open a supply line for a future operation to besiege Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city that remains under ISIL control.
- U.S. military officials have said a mission to retake Mosul likely will begin in April or May and involve up to 25,000 Iraqi troops.

Authorities offered no immediate casualty figures, though Iran's state-run Press TV satellite channel reported that a mortar attack wounded one of its cameramen there.

Later Wednesday, allied forces also swept into Tikrit in a pincer movement to squeeze out militants, though some suggested many already fled in the face of the advance, code-named "At your service, prophet of Allah." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida

11 service members presumed dead after crash

Human remains and helicopter parts were recovered Wednesday after seven Marines and four soldiers crashed in heavy fog during military training in Florida.

All 11 service members were presumed dead after the Army National Guard's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter went down offshore, a Pentagon official said.

U.S. President Barack Obama spoke with the military leaders involved and expressed his condolences to the families before saying he's confident there will be a detailed investigation, said

his spokesman, Josh Earnest.

The Black Hawk crashed as Marines and National Guardsmen practiced "insertion and extraction missions," using small boats and helicopters to get troops into and out of a target site, said Capt. Barry Morris with the Marine Corps Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune.

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Execution. Utah considers restoring the firing squad

A vote by Utah lawmakers to bring back executions by firing squad is the most dramatic illustration yet of the nationwide frustration over bungled executions and shortages of lethal-injection drugs.

Utah and several other states are scrambling to modify their laws on the heels of a botched Oklahoma lethal injection last year and one in Arizona in which the condemned man took nearly two hours to die.

Meanwhile, Texas went ahead with plans to execute a Mexican mafia hit man Wednesday night, with its second-to-last dosage of drugs.

Lethal injection

States have struggled to keep up their drug inventories as European manufacturers opposed to capital punishment refuse to sell the components of lethal injections to U.S. prisons. The Texas deadline is the most imminent, but other states are struggling, too.

nesday night, with its second-to-last dosage of drugs.

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France

Highway jewel heist worth millions

About 15 gunmen ambushed two vans carrying jewels worth millions on a French highway in the dead of night, ejecting their drivers and speeding off into the Burgundy countryside,

police said. It was the latest of several big jewelry heists in France.

The assailants and the jewels remained missing Wednesday evening, even after gendarmes and other authorities spent hours combing the forests and towns southeast of Paris around the scene of the overnight attack.

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Berlusconi cleared of underage sex charges



Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi waves to supporters as he arrives at his residence of Palazzo Grazioli in Rome, Wednesday.

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Acquittal upheld.

Embattled former Italian prime minister to return to his political party despite a six-year ban on holding elected office

Former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi savoured his court victory in the infamous "bunga bunga" case Wednesday by plunging headfirst into

Quoted

"I'm back with Forza Italia ... to build a better, more just and free Italy."

Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi won't stay out of politics long following his exoneration of allegations of underage sex and an associated coverup.

politics, saying he's working for a better Italy even though he remains barred from public office.

Tuesday, Italy's highest court confirmed Berlusconi's acquittal on charges he paid an underage Moroccan prostitute for sex and then used his influence to cover it up.

The ruling closed an embarrassing chapter for the billionaire media mogul, exposing the raunchy parties at his Milan mansion, complete with showgirl stripteases and wads of cash paid to guests in envelopes at the end of each party.

In a statement Wednesday, Berlusconi cheered the decision but expressed bitterness "for a case that did a lot of damage not just to me, my family and other innocent people, but to all Italians, our public life and the image of our country in the world."

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Ban on selfie sticks grows at tourist sites

The Chateau de Versailles, outside Paris, and the National Gallery in London have joined the growing list of global tourist attractions that have banned "selfie sticks." The devices are used by visitors such as American tourists Chris Baker and Jennifer Hinson, pictured here in front of the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, to improve snapshots, but critics say the practice is obnoxious and potentially dangerous. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Businesses expect slower Stampede





Corporate Calgary.
Mood to celebrate subdued with the lower price for oil

This was supposed to be the year that the "ranch" — a cowboied up parking lot in the downtown core where pancakes are flipped and beer is poured — would be booked up again for the Calgary Stampede.

But then oil prices fell by more than half.

With three and a half months to go before the 10-day festival kicks off, caterer Paddy Sorrenti figures six of the 10 events that had been booked are going ahead, but some might still be scrapped.

It's a similar story for David Howard, whose company, The Event Group, gets about 10 per cent of its busi-

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ness from Stampede.


He says 40 per cent of his clients have cancelled their parties all-together for this year, walking away from thousands of dollars in deposits.

But while some oil companies are scrapping their Stampede parties, they're holding other types of events for staff and customer appreciation — charitable concerts or keynote speakers. It's not just about dollars and cents. Companies are wondering if holding their Stampede shindigs gives off the right impression, said Howard.

Paul Vickers, with Penny Lane Entertainment Group — owners of Cowboys, the bar known for its Stampede-Ground festivities — said he's not expecting to see a dent in business. He said the slowdown appears to be hitting the higher-end, and Cowboys caters to the \$5 beer crowd.


Corporate clients are spending for Stampede — they're just spending more wisely, he said.

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You don't need a PhD to have a great idea, so why do you need a PhD to publish it?

Many of us have ideas that, given research and a platform to share it, could change the way we live. More people outside academia are getting their hands dirty with scientific research.

A few weeks ago, the first-ever Citizen Science Meeting was held at Cornell University. But right now, research projects led by citizen scientists aren't supported, published or taken seriously.

Scientific research needs to go public.

A citizen scientist is anyone in the public who participates in scientific study. You could be one. Numerous projects around the world already see academic scientists tap citizen scientists to collect their data—like crowdfunding, but for information.

Amateur whale watchers report sightings as part of the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network. The University of Calgary-based Aurorasaurus project tracks the aurora through Twitter.

But the vast majority of citizen scientists today just do the grunt work. They don't contribute ideas. Academic institutions and publications still control much of what research is pursued, funded and recognized. Only a select few can currently participate in scientific discovery and be recognized for it.

Many of the world's greatest inventions and discoveries were made



Tourists take pictures of a humpback whale. Amateur whale watchers can report sightings as part of the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network, but the vast majority of citizen scientists today just do the grunt work. RODRIGO BUENDIA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

outside the walls of academia.

Working out of his shop, a Dutch eyeglasses maker named Hans Lippershey invented the telescope, which Galileo used to discover craters on the moon and confirm that the Earth orbits the sun. German goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg invented the movable-type printing press, which put books in the hands of regular Europeans, not just the aristocracy and the church.

Today, however, peer-reviewed academic journals are the gatekeepers

of what science is accepted, talked about and built upon, and right now, for the most part, only researchers from academic institutions are able to publish there.

There just aren't supports in Canada that allow citizen scientists conducting their own experiments or studies to get peer reviewed and to publish their findings, says David Lawrie, program director of Canada's Citizen Scientists, a group of researchers formed out of Toronto in 2003 who collect data about the health of the Rouge River watershed.

Plenty of tools are out there for citizen scientists. Science crowdfunding sites like petridish.org and experiment.com help generate funds, and there are a couple citizen science journals, but the citizen science sea change won't happen until ordinary people can get better recognition for their research.

"For citizen scientists, it takes a lot of time and effort to publish in a journal for essentially almost no reward," says Lawrie.

We also need more incentives to encourage people from more diverse

backgrounds to get involved in researching and shaping what we know about the world. They need things like grants, awards, prizes, the honour of being published.

Lawrie would like to see more monetary support for citizen scientists and "a very effective platform to help disseminate the information to the broader public."

Encouraging citizen research would generate more discoveries, and they would happen faster. More diverse people would be able to pursue more diverse topics that are currently underrepresented in academia.

Thanks to data collection by citizen scientists, the eBird network has millions of sightings that have helped focus conservation efforts. Think of how much more we could accomplish with a world full of scientists.

One criticism of citizen research is that reliability and validity of the research can't be controlled as it is in academia.

So let's find ways of fixing that: peer-review panels to vet the quality of citizen research; ethics boards that make sure their projects are above board; a government granting body that endorses and supports promising projects; a central resource where citizen scientists can find out how to conduct research with rigour so they can produce meaningful results.

Cheap, easily accessible technologies are making it easy to collect, analyze and communicate information.

Let's use them to unleash the public brain.

Stephanie Orford is a writer based in Vancouver.

Why being strapped to our tech may actually set us free



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I have a confession to make: I want an Apple Watch—badly.

Ever since Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook finally officially revealed the prices and release date of the trio of smart watches Monday, there has been a stream of haters calling the latest offering from the Cupertino, Calif., company stupid, gauche and ridiculously overpriced.

A Gawker writer actually called

on readers to take a pledge to not sleep with anyone who dons the gadget. A certain Metro web editor seemed horrified to hear I wanted one. As Taylor Swift sings: Haters gonna hate, hate, hate.

Sure, I'll admit: no one needs an Apple Watch—but then, no one needs a smartphone either, and most of us have one.

While I personally like the design of the watches, some people think they're clunky and weird, and I concede it may be difficult to not look like a lemming or a fashion

victim wearing one.

And, uh, yes, the watches are overpriced. The Apple Watch Edition (18-karat gold) will start at a heart-stopping \$13,000, the Apple Watch starts at \$699 and the Apple Watch Sport is the cheapest option, starting at \$449 in Canada.

Yet, despite all that, I still desperately want one. As a runner, I love the idea of having GPS, a heart-rate sensor and an accelerometer—as well as access to Wi-Fi. I'm well aware that the numbers these devices spit out are far from perfect,

but it's still nice to be able to get an idea of how hard I'm working when I'm working out.

And as a woman I love that I can now free myself of the tyranny of carrying around so much stuff everywhere I go.

I mean, the watch tells you the time without having to pull out your phone and it's strapped to your wrist so it's harder to lose.

And while you still need your phone nearby, you can pay for things with the watch and check your Twitter feed on it. You can

even use it to call a cab. What can't it do? Don't answer that; it's a rhetorical question.

I seem to be swimming against the stream on this one, but I think now is the time for an Apple Watch. Well, not now, now. I'll wait for the kinks to be worked out and the prices to come down (fingers crossed).

Then I'll sport my watch with pride.

Melissa Dunne is a freelance writer based in Toronto.



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SCENE 2

Shad's here to give you all he can

Juno award-winning rapper Shad faces the shadow of Jian Ghomeshi when he takes over hosting duties of Q on April 20. Ghomeshi, who helped make Q popular among younger listeners, was fired from the CBC four months ago. So, how will Shad match up against the former host?

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Metro News in Toronto

Ego

Shad: Friends describe him as confident, but also modest and humble, almost to a fault. "He's never struck me as a person that's seeking or needing the validation of others," said Seattle hip-hop radio host and friend, Jonathan Moore. In a CBC news story on the announcement, Shad downplayed his own prominence, calling his new role "an honour" and praising the producers as a "brilliant, passionate team."

Ghomeshi: In the wake of Ghomeshi's firing and allegations of sexual assault, former staffers have come out to charge Ghomeshi with having an outsized ego. Former staff have described Ghomeshi as an oppressive and perfectionist boss, whose will was the law.

Radio experience

Shad: He's had a lot of time behind the microphone, but in terms of hosting a radio show, Shad's main efforts were as a guest host for Q in January for a week.

Ghomeshi: He had a number of smaller broadcasting gigs before launching Q in 2007, including on CBC TV as the host of the pop culture program Play, and later as the host of a series of music shows on CBC Radio One, including a stint on Sounds Like Canada.

Accolades

Shad: The musician has been racking up praise for his music for the past 10 years. He won the 2011 Juno award for Rap Recording of the Year, beating out Drake, and his albums have been nominated for other Junos, MuchMusic Video Awards and the Polaris Prize.

Ghomeshi: As a musician, Ghomeshi's career was less decorated. But as host of Q, he won the Gold Award for best talk-show host at the New York Festivals International Radio Awards in 2012. He was also praised around the world for taking on Billy Bob Thornton in a prickly 2009 interview.

Musical

Shad: A veteran of the hip-hop world, Shad has released four albums, two mixtapes and four EPs. The Old Prince is considered his breakout album, he won the Juno for TSOL, and his most recent release came last year, with Flying Colours. He makes "culturally curious hip hop (that's) eclectic, witty, thoughtful, funny," said music writer and Polaris Prize juror Michael Barclay.

Ghomeshi: As the singer and drummer in the satirical folk-pop band Moxy Früvous, Ghomeshi recorded eight albums. The band released platinum-selling records, and made Ghomeshi a name in Canadian music, but "by the time he started working at the CBC, his music career was kind of a joke," said Barclay.

XFactor

Shad: As yet unproven as a host, Shad has ample proof of his charisma on stage. The MC is confident and intelligent, but not arrogant, Moore said. "He's curious and interesting. He will bring energy to the show," Barclay said.

Ghomeshi: There's no doubt that Q's popularity became entwined with Ghomeshi's own star power. Known as a gracious radio host, he also didn't cower to well-known interview subjects — he once sarcastically corrected Julian Assange for calling him by the show's name. A charismatic man in person, Ghomeshi's confidence shone on air, and the way he connected with guests and drew out their stories undoubtedly helped forge Q's reputation as a cultural powerhouse and a must-do interview.



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Verdict blurs lines for professional musicians



Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke have been ordered to pay nearly \$7.4 million to the late Marvin Gaye's three children for a copyright infringement. GETTY IMAGES

Copyright. Williams and Thicke's \$7.4M court loss could cause chilling effect on creation of music

A jury's verdict that Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke copied Marvin Gaye's music to

create their hit song Blurred Lines won't just be felt by the singers' pocketbooks — it has the potential to change how musicians work and could open the door to new copyright claims.

An eight-person jury determined Tuesday that Williams and Thicke copied elements of Gaye's 1977 hit Got to Give It Up and ordered the pair to pay nearly \$7.4 million to the late

singer's three children.

"Today's successful verdict, with the odds more than stacked against the Marvin Gaye estate, could redefine what copyright infringement means for recording artists," said Glen Rothstein, an intellectual property attorney with the firm Greenberg Glusker.

"The Gaye verdict is precedential in that whereas

prior to today, it was generally understood that paying homage to musical influences was an acceptable, and indeed commonplace way of conducting business and even showing respect for one's musical idols, after today, doubt has been cast on where the line will be drawn for copyright infringement purposes," Rothstein said.

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Well, that sounds familiar

AVRIL VS. THE RUBINOOS

Although she insisted she had never heard the '70s tune I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend by the Rubinoos, Avril Lavigne agreed to an out-of-court settlement involving her hit song Girlfriend.



EX-BEATLE VS. THE CHIFFONS

Former Beatle George Harrison's 1970 solo song My Sweet Lord had a melody heavy with echoes of He's So Fine, the 1962 hit from The Chiffons. A judge said Harrison was guilty only of "subconscious plagiarism." Harrison would eventually pay out \$587,000.



TOM PETTY VS. SAM SMITH

Tom Petty's publishers said Sam Smith's Stay With Me's melody bore a striking resemblance to Petty's I Won't Back Down. Smith and his representatives agreed, and granted co-writing credit to Petty.



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Mindy Kaling ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Mindy Kaling can't do one-night stands

Art, it seems, doesn't imitate life when it comes to Mindy Kaling, who is finding that the wild dating life of her *The Mindy Project* alter ego is screwing up what men expect from her in her own life.

"When

I go on dates there's this expectation that I'm going to have, like, 11 martinis and like, pass out and spend the night really soon. And I think people get a little disappointed because my true self is like, I could never do that, like have a one-night stand."

the single actress and writer tells Ellen DeGeneres during an interview.

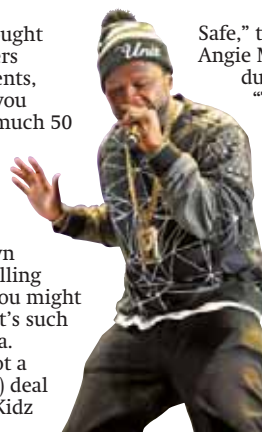
"Because I have my medications that I have to take at night. I have to be at my house and do my flossing. I have all that stuff."

Hey, maybe some guys are into flossing.

50 cent's son pulls in huge salary for a two-year-old

I never thought that toddlers needed agents, but when you hear how much 50 Cent's two-year-old son, Sire Jackson, pulled down for a modelling contract, you might not think it's such a crazy idea.

"He's got a (modelling) deal now with Kidz



Safe," the rapper revealed to Angie Martinez at Power 105 during an interview.

"They paid him a big payment, too."

And by big, he means a contract worth \$700,000. No, seriously. That's a lot of binkies.

"He's cute, you gotta pay for it," Fiddy explained. He also assured listeners that the money is going into a trust until Jackson is 18 years old.

Tony says 'I do' to Gaga wedding gig



Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga

Singing at Lady Gaga's wedding would likely be a pretty nerve-racking prospect for even

the most seasoned of young musicians, so it makes sense that the chameleon-like singer would go for someone who can handle the pressure.

Enter pal Tony Bennett, who is reportedly on tap to croon at Gaga's upcoming nuptials. "They invited me to do it, and of course I will," he tells Page Six.

Now, you can accuse me of being cynical or unromantic, that's fine, but I can't help noticing that Gaga and Bennett, who released their *Cheek to Cheek* duets album last fall, are embarking on a tour next month. What a coincidence!

Renée steps out in Paris

A chic Renée Zellweger — who attracted attention last fall for a noticeably changed visage — at first hid her face from cameras with Audrey Hepburn-style bangs and large shades Wednesday as she hit Prada's Miu Miu show on the last day of the ready-to-wear collections in Paris.

Inside the show, however, she took off the shades and proudly posed for cameras — maybe she is "happy," after all. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/METRO**



Shooting at Lil Wayne's a hoax

An apparent hoax summoned a strong police response Wednesday to the home of rapper Lil Wayne after an unknown caller reported a shooting. The caller claimed four people had been shot at the waterfront home on an exclusive Miami Beach island.

The responding officers, including a heavily armed SWAT team, found no evidence of a shooting, no victims and no gunman.

"We can say for sure it was a hoax," Miami Beach police spokesman Ernesto Rodriguez said. "It's not a laughing matter."

Rodriguez also said the owner of the home — Lil Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter — was not there at the time.

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Stella McCartney's gentle beauty



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Hitting the on-trend spot, Stella McCartney sensually explored styles of undress for fall-winter 2015, with a hint of the corset.

Gone were many of the sporty shapes that are now associated with her esthetic — and in their place were silhouettes, cinched chicly with a belt at the waist or bustier-shaped. Elsewhere, there were voluminous “comfort” shapes on beautiful loose knit sweater-dresses in earth tones, which would fall nonchalantly off one arm — as if in a state of undress.

Hermès designer shows powerful debut



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For her debut collection at power house Hermès, new designer Nadège Vanhee-Cybulski pared down the house esthetic, to subtle, yet powerful, results. Narrowing down the palette to navy, cobalt blue, ivory, carmine red and flashes of sunshine yellow, the 36-year-old French designer used simple minimalist shapes that drew from Oriental styles to bold effect.

Louis Vuitton's leather and lace

Nicolas Ghesquière, artistic director, manages to mix a certain simplicity with technical expertise. The lace looks like collages on dresses and tops, with just a chain for a belt. Shoulders are highlighted, exaggerated and gathered. Skirts are worn short with pockets, paired with sublime leather jackets, embroidered sheepskin or even zipped blouses. The gold and silver shine is the focus, sparkly but with a simplicity at the same time.



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Flirting with danger at Paris Fashion Week

Saint Laurent's sex-infused, '80s grit and glam

Fashion's wild child Hedi Slimane upped the sexiness in his latest offering for Saint Laurent, with thick eye makeup, whitened faces, torn tights and a flirtation with the styles of the '80s New Romantics.

The stomping models were still here in this latest chapter of the controversial French-Tunisian's evolution at the house, as were the glittering glam rock fleeces, black boots, black leather minis, and the figure-hugging leopard print cocktail dresses.

It felt like the new Saint Laurent girl had grown up a little bit, moved into the early '80s and discovered sex. A tight black leather zip-up minidress was undone nearly to the crotch, while one truncated bridal dress was twinned with a tuxedo and looked like the heady bride had ditched her man at the altar and gone to the disco.



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Kenzo embraces layers and lines

This season's mantra is: Pile it all on. We've seen it notably at Lanvin, Dries Van Noten — and now at Kenzo's draped, voluminous and colourful fashion spectacle.

The collection continued this energy in its vivid splashes of kinetic graphic lines and flashes of contrasting, coloured prints.

But fall-winter was all about the layering.

Geometric lines featured on layered A-line column dresses, topped off with funky asymmetrical poncho-hoods.

Kenzo is all about the cultural fusion. The dark looks featured a nice play of camouflage print on a poncho and assorted jungle pants: If you looked closely you realized the pattern was, in fact, of very un-militaristic flowers.

It was tongue in cheek, and is bound to be a hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tips for men looking to dress up their formal look

David C. Wigley wants to help men diversify their approach to formal wear by considering a fresh take on black tie.

“They kind of get stuck in this pigeonhole that you have to always wear a black tux if you're dressing up,” said the Toronto-based designer, whose garments are produced in the city.

“I don't really want to take men too far out of their comfort zone, so you'd like to stick



Toronto designer David C. Wigley. ALL PHOTOS THE CANADIAN PRESS

to silhouettes that they know — staying with the traditional tailored tux pant and fitted blazer — but using fabrics that you wouldn't typically expect like sequins and bright coloured velvet,” said Wigley, who

also helms womenswear label Clan Gordon and unisex line Ease.

Here are Wigley's suggestions for men seeking to break the formal wear mould — and look good doing it:



Select a lone statement piece. “If it is a sequined blazer, then that's what the attention is on,” said Wigley.



Find a flattering fit. “If it's cut in the proper way, it should still flatter your body.”



Pick a print. “It's sort of the most versatile thing to work in, especially when you're working with a base of neutrals.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

These little lights, let 'em shine

Lighting can make or break the look and mood of your home, from uninviting over-lit rooms to paintings that disappear because there's no light. Every room needs three sources of lighting: accent, task and ambient. Here are the best forms of these lights and how to use them in a room.



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Accent lighting

Accent lighting creates a moody environment and helps to brighten dark corners and highlight art. It's great as a night light to welcome you when you come home late or when you don't want your house completely dark at night. Highlighting a plant, sculpture or painting an easy way to add a spark of light to a room without totally illuminating it.



Wall hung: Highlight a picture or simply wash a wall with light. Reynolds Library Bookcase Sconce, \$199, PotteryBarn.com



Create drama: Shine a light through your houseplants to create an exotic atmosphere. Canarm Theo Adjustable Lamp, \$30, HomeDepot.ca



Directed wall hung: Read in bed without getting light in your eyes. Morgan Ivory Sconce, \$179, Crate-AndBarrel.com



Under counters: Brighten your counter-tops in the kitchen with under-counter lighting. Westek Plug-In Cabinet LED Puck Light Kit, \$16 per light, Lowes.ca

Task lighting

Task lighting is directed light to help you with a task such as reading, preparing food or working on hobbies. A swing-arm reading lamp or under-cup-board kitchen lights are prime examples of task lighting. This type of lighting is best planned after you move into your home and know where you need specific lighting.



Flush-mount ceiling fixture: Illuminate a kitchen or bathroom with overall light. Sienna Flush Mount, \$525, Elte.com



Ambient light

Ambient lighting is an overall bright source used in spaces like workshops or laundry rooms. Every room should have them as they are useful for brightening the entire room for cleaning chores or parties. This type of lighting usually comes in the form of an overhead flush-mount light fixture or a torchiere-style floor lamp that directs light onto the ceiling, reflecting it back into the room.

Uplighting: Shine light up to illuminate the ceiling and brighten a room. Fabrizio Steel Floor Lamp, \$269, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

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Pick a perfect pink piece

This season's living room furniture comes in generous and inviting shapes and wears subtle shades of pink, from peach to pale rosewood. These items are ideal for creating a cosy space to curl up in

AFP

Made of wool, cotton and foam, the Nubilo sofa by Constance Guiset for Petite Friture resembles something between a cloud and a pastry. Macaron-shaped cushions in various sizes and colors are stacked along the sofa for "maximum comfort," according to the designer (approximately \$3,280-\$4,070). PETITE FRITURE



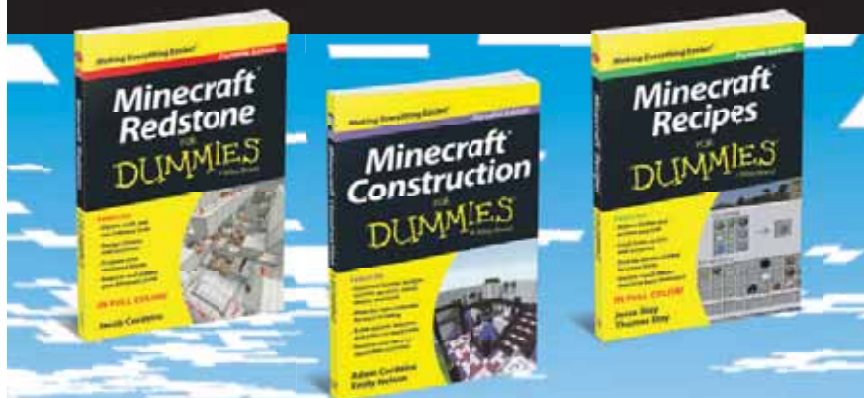
All about protection and comfort, the Log and Doolly collection by Désio consists of several folding screens made with Bultex foam, which can be used to create private spaces that are isolated from exterior noise. Matching two-tone sofas and chairs complete the cosy ambiance (from approximately \$1,610). DÉSIO



For Ligne Roset, French designer Inga Sempé designed Beau Fixe, a two-person sofa that calls to mind a retro airplane seat, only much softer. Sempé was inspired by her memory of a beach chair. To resurrect this item as a comfortable and elegant sofa, she combined a metal structure with a soft comforter (Price available on request). LIGNE ROSET



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Get your dose of deep-fried goodness

Snack. Wild Ramp and Crab-Stuffed Hushpuppies with Green Goddess Dressing are a Southern U.S. fave

Hushpuppies

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. Bring a saucepan of salted water to a boil. Make an ice bath in a bowl with equal parts ice and water. Put the ramps in a strainer and submerge them in the boiling water for 45 seconds. Remove and submerge them in the ice bath until completely cold. Drain and shake off the water, then drain and dry on paper towels.

3. Chop the ramps into small pieces.

4. Put the self-rising flour, cornmeal, 1 cup all-purpose flour, salt, sugar, white pepper, baking soda, and baking powder in a large bowl and whisk to mix well. Add the onion and half of the chopped ramps and mix well. Lightly beat the eggs in a medium bowl, then whisk in the milk, buttermilk, and lard. Stir the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients.

5. Pour the canola oil into a deep fryer or a large pot and heat it to 350 F.

6. While the oil is heating, blend the remaining ramps in a blender on high, adding just

Ingredients

Hushpuppies

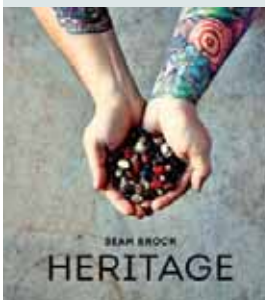
- 1/2 lb ramps, cleaned and hairy root ends removed
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1 to 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp kosher salt
- 1 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1 1/4 tsp white pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons each baking soda, and baking powder
- 1/4 cup small sweet onion, diced
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp buttermilk
- 1/4 cup lard, melted
- 8 cups canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups fresh crabmeat, picked over for shells, cartilage
- Green Goddess Dressing
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup chopped scallions (white and green parts)
- 1 cup chopped basil
- 3/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp chopped garlic
- 2 oil-packed anchovies
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp ground white pepper
- 1 cup sour cream

enough water to keep them moving, until very smooth, about 4 minutes. Add the purée to the batter. (Because the size and moisture content of the ramps vary, you may need to add all-purpose flour to batter after frying a test hushpuppy.)

7. When the oil is hot, dip a 1-oz scoop into the hot oil to coat it, then fill the scoop with batter and tap it a time or two

Cookbook of the Week

Southern comfort



Sean Brock is out to preserve the heritage foods of the American south with his aptly titled book, *Heritage*. The offerings include a blend of comfort food and high-end restaurant food (for when you have more time to cook). The cookbook also includes headnotes that explain Brock's background and give context to his food. Specific recipes include Pickled Shrimp, Crispy Pig Ear Lettuce Wraps, Slow-Cooked Pork Shoulder with Tomato Gravy and Sweet Potato Doughnuts. **METRO**

to release any air pockets. Hold the scoop 1 inch above the hot oil and carefully drop the batter into the oil. If the batter seems too thin, add more all-purpose flour, whisking until smooth. The desired result is a hushpuppy that is golden brown and crispy on the outside and light as a feather inside. When



This recipe makes about 32 hushpuppies. PETER FRANK EDWARDS

the batter is correct, carefully fold in the crab.

8. Scoop the batter into the hot oil, without crowding the hushpuppies, and fry, without touching them, for about 1 minute. Then carefully tap the hushpuppies to loosen them if they have stuck to the fryer basket or the bottom of the fryer or pot and fry until golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer

the hushpuppies to one of the prepared baking sheets. Repeat until you've used all the batter. Be sure that the oil returns to 350 F before you put in the next batch.

9. Bake the hushpuppies for about 4 minutes to ensure that they are cooked through. Drain on paper towels and serve hot, alongside the dressing for dipping.

Green Goddess Dressing

1. Combine the mayonnaise, scallions, basil, lemon juice, garlic, anchovies, salt, and white pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Add the sour cream and process just until blended. The dressing will keep in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

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MLB spring training

A-Rod hits first home run after PED odyssey

Alex Rodriguez hit his first home run since returning to the Yankees following a drug suspension in New York's 10-6 loss to the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday.

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NHL

Rangers slow down Caps in D.C.

Goalie Cam Talbot and the New York Rangers moved atop the Metropolitan Division by beating the Washington Capitals 3-1 Wednesday night, while overcoming Alex Ovechkin's league-leading 45th goal.

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NBA

Bulls buckle down to end losing streak in Philly

Aaron Brooks scored seven of his season-high 31 points in overtime to help the short-handed Chicago Bulls beat the Philadelphia 76ers 104-95 on Wednesday night.

Pau Gasol had 27 points and 16 rebounds, and Nikola Mirotic finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Bulls. They snapped a three-game skid without four regulars and three of their top five scorers.

Ish Smith had a career-high 23 points for the 76ers.

The Bulls (40-26) now sit a game ahead of the Raptors (38-26) for third place in the Eastern Conference.

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Marincin getting his chance with Oilers



THE HOCKEY NEWS
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One of the most hotly anticipated issues we put out every year at The Hockey News is our Future Watch edition. Based around all things prospect-related, the issue lists each organization's top 10 players in the pipeline and ranks the best 75 in the NHL.

Suffice it to say, Edmonton has a couple kids ranked quite high in Darnell Nurse and Leon Draisaitl.

Bogdan Yakimov, playing his first year of North American pro hockey in Oklahoma City, is an interesting centre to watch thanks to his size and two-way ability, but a youngster on the hot seat is defenceman Martin Marincin, currently playing for the Oilers.

The big Slovakian blue-liner's stumbling blocks are consistency and intensity. But thanks to the Oilers' depth woes (exacerbated by the trading of Jeff Petry at the deadline), Marincin has a great opportunity from here on out to prove he can work out those kinks and be a full-time NHLer.

And the Oilers are giving him the right tools. In Monday's loss to Detroit, Marincin played with veteran Mark Fayne, who cut his teeth in the famously defensive New Jersey Devils organization. Sure, Marincin's advanced stats weren't very glowing in the game, but really this is all about getting him minutes and experience during games that,



The Oilers have been giving Martin Marincin, seen here roughing up the Blackhawks' Brandon Saad, big minutes against top competition of late. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

let's face it, don't matter in the grand scheme of things.

To that end, Marincin played more than 20 minutes. Two games prior, he hit more than 22 minutes in a shootout loss to Chicago and nearly hit 20 minutes against St. Louis before that. Those are some solid teams to be getting good reps against.

At 23 years of age, Marincin

certainly still has time to become a solid NHLer. After all, Tampa Bay's Victor Hedman only recently became a star for the Lightning and he's only a year older.

But the window to make an impact is closing. Edmonton has Nurse and Oscar Klefbom in the organization as well, with William Lagesson a couple years away. The Oilers

need to be better defensively now and Marincin would do well to establish himself before reinforcements arrive. And there is no question after the abject failure of this season that reinforcements must be brought in over the summer for the porous blue-line. Can Marincin be part of that top-six unit? This is the time to prove it.

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Golden Bears not taking CIS lightly

University Hockey Championship. Coach of No. 1 seeds says his team had a pre-season 'wake up call' and will not be complacent

The eight teams competing at this week's Canadian men's university hockey championship in Halifax will be under pressure to play their best at all times. The tournament's new single-elimination format leaves no room for an off-night.

"It's just one game and anything can happen," Alberta head coach Ian Herbers said Wednesday.

His defending champion Golden Bears are the top-seeded team at this week's University Cup. The eight-team tournament, which previously used a six-team pool setup, begins Thursday at Scotiabank Centre.

Alberta opens Friday against eighth-seeded St. Francis Xavier in one of four quarter-final games. Winners will move on to the semifinals Saturday and medal games are

scheduled for Sunday.

The Golden Bears won't be taking any team lightly.

Herbers said his squad got a "wake-up call early" in their first pre-season game last September when a small college team beat the reigning CIS champions 6-0.

"Guys just thought we'd carry on where we left off last year," he said. "It doesn't happen that way. We're a new team, we had to go out and earn it."

Alberta posted a 24-3-1 record in the regular season and won four straight games in the playoffs to clinch the Canada West title.

The two schools that have won eight of the last 10 titles are in the field this week. Alberta also won in 2005, 2006 and 2008, while second-seeded UNB has won in every odd-numbered year since 2007.

The Varsity Reds will attempt to keep that pattern going beginning Thursday night against the No. 7 Windsor Lancers.

Meanwhile, the third-seeded Guelph Gryphons have been one of the hottest teams in the CIS since the New Year. Coach

Quoted

"It's just one game and anything can happen."

Alberta head coach Ian Herbers, on the competition's format

Shawn Camp thanked organizers for "letting them in the tournament despite our regular-season record."

With an 11-13-3 mark, Guelph is the only team to finish below .500, but it went 7-2 in the playoffs to win the OUA title. The Gryphons will open Thursday against the sixth-seeded Calgary Dinos.

"We were in last place," Camp said. "Our team had only won three games in the first half." The team was working hard, but was hampered by injuries. "We struggled to score goals in the first half," Camp added. "But once we figured that out, we started to roll."

The Gryphons also faced some adversity, notably the death of player Cole Hamblin early in the season and the death of Rick Kohler, the father of player Thomas Kohler.

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Soccer

10-man PSG ends Chelsea's dream of European glory

Thiago Silva sent 10-man Paris Saint-Germain into the Champions League quarter-finals on away goals after a 2-2 draw at Chelsea in extra time of a fiery and ill-disciplined game on Wednesday.

Although PSG had striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic sent off in the 31st minute for a challenge on Oscar, the visitors still provided the greater threat at Stamford Bridge.

Gary Cahill had given Chelsea the lead in the 81st minute — after a 1-1 draw in the first leg — but former Chelsea player David Luiz headed PSG level to send the game into extra time.

Eden Hazard restored Chelsea's lead from a penalty, but Thiago Silva's looping header in the 114th minute allowed PSG to avenge last season's loss to Chelsea in the quarterfinals.

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Canada pipped in Cyprus Cup

Canada captain Christine Sinclair challenges for the ball with Alex Greenwood of England during the Cyprus Cup final at GSP stadium in Nicosia on Wednesday. Lianne Sanderson's 68th-minute goal lifted England to a 1-0 win, marking the first time the Canadian goal had been breached in four games at the tournament. PETROS KARADJIAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stuck on 12 Across?
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may have to rethunk your plans over the next few days as Saturn begins a retrograde phase. Don't give up on them completely though.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Take a look at your financial position and decide what steps need to be taken to improve your long-term security. Your main priority is to cut back on unnecessary expenses.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Know your limits and stay within them. No matter how far or fast you travel it's likely that something will bring you back to earth with a bump.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It seems you've finally realized that you have been wasting a lot of time and energy on something that is not worth the effort. It will fade in importance over the next few days.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Saturn, the great taskmaster of the zodiac, is urging you to be realistic about your aims and modest about your abilities.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

The time has come to admit that a partnership is not working out as well as you expected. It's no big deal, and it is certainly not your fault. Some people you can do business with and some you cannot.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Today, check once, check twice, then check a third time. Whatever you are planning you must make sure you have covered all the angles because a small detail could trip you up.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will get what you deserve to get today, nothing more and nothing less. Now that you know that you won't be inclined to complain if what you get falls short of expectations.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Saturn in your sign warns life is not as straightforward as you seem to think. What happens over the next few days will encourage you to plan ahead.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are convinced that the roof is going to fall in on you. So it will come as a nice surprise today when something wonderful happens instead.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will have to re-think certain ambitions over the next few days. New information will come to light that will make you realize there is more work involved than you imagined.

♓ Pisces

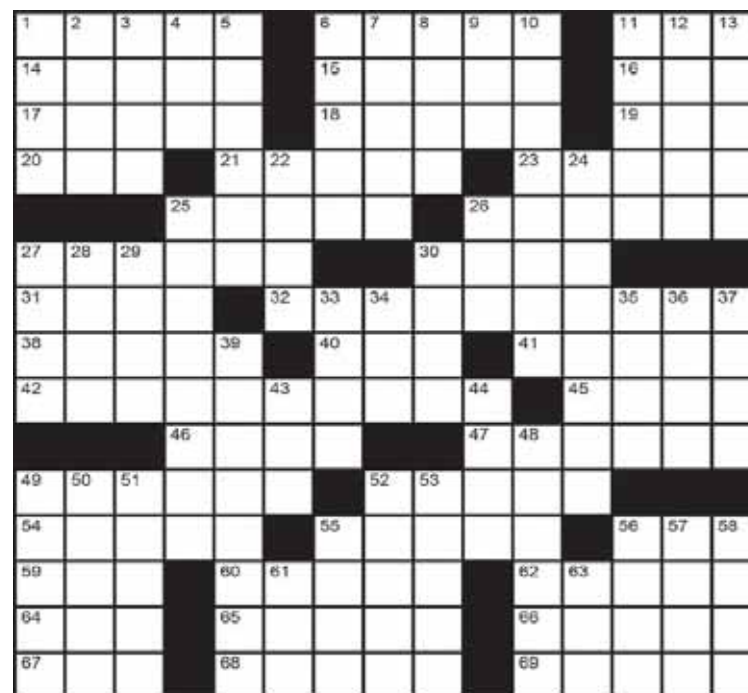
Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't get hung-up on long-term career plans. Yes, you can and must keep moving in your favoured direction but there is no need to be so rigid about it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. "The Brothers ___" (2005)
6. One-___ (Biased)
11. Speed ___
14. Mythological weeper
15. Restaurants: "Can I see ___ please?"
16. "Gimme ___!" (O-T-T-A-W-A cheer-starter)
17. "I now pronounce you..." site
18. Carnivore's dish, ___ lamb
19. Drivel
20. Ms. Leoni
21. Ms. Kudrow's
23. Senses
25. Late night host Mr. O'Brien
26. Truly
27. Tourist attractions
30. Victoria-born artist Emily
31. In this spot
32. Nissan vehicle
38. Susan's "All My Children" role
40. Old Rome's deuce-ace
41. Harry ___ (Sarnia, Ontario born hockey analyst)
42. Canadian fashion brand founded in 2002: 2 wds.
45. Canadian chanteuse Celine
46. Ireland
47. Iago's wife in Shakespearean tragedy Othello



49. Flying flickers
52. Humdinger
54. Llama catcher
55. A famous Canadian Joe
56. "___ and Away" (1992)
59. Fall Boy link (Rock band)
60. Caffeine nuts
62. Royal adornment
64. Beatles: "___"

- Love You"
65. Fennel-like flavour
66. Open the compressed computer file
67. 'Racket' suffix
68. Lion mane parts
69. Positioned oneself to pray

Down

1. Irritating fly
2. Vex
3. Whit
4. Commerce grad's letters
5. Bordeaux grape/wine
6. Spicy sauce
7. "___ business!"
8. Li'l grad-earned things

9. Roxy Music's Brian
10. Toronto subway station
11. Suit jacket flap
12. Counting everything: 2 wds.
13. One of Beatrix Potter's rabbits
22. Police dept. rank
24. Canadian singer The Weeknd's current hit tune off the

- 'Fifty Shades of Grey' soundtrack album: 2 wds.
25. Classic game
26. UK military fliers
27. FOX News anchor Mr. Smith, to pals
28. Yesterday: Italian
29. Smile
30. ___ seeds (Health food store purchase)
33. Suffix to 'Billion'
34. ___-for-tat
35. ___ Eireann (Lower House of the Irish legislature)
36. H.G. Wells people
37. Blue Rodeo song
39. Northwestern Ontario town, the 'Canoeing Capital of Canada'
43. MGM's motto, ___ Gratia Artis
44. At hand
48. Whale skin/blubber treat in the Arctic
49. Gradient
50. PVR remote button
51. Active
52. Uninterested
53. Lets up
55. Cut short
56. Unnerve
57. Seed's jacket
58. Transfixed
61. Judi Dench/Cate Blanchett movie, "Notes ___ Scandal" (2006)
63. Stopover accommodation

Yesterday's Crossword



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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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2	3	7	5	9	6	4	1	8
5	6	1	7	8	4	3	2	9
7	5	4	9	1	2	6	8	3
3	2	6	8	4	5	7	9	1
9	1	8	3	6	7	2	5	4
8	4	5	2	7	1	9	3	6
6	9	3	4	5	8	1	7	2
1	7	2	6	3	9	8	4	5

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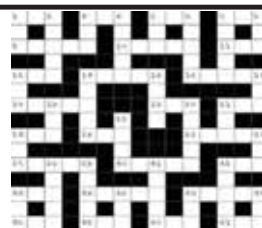
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